Colonel Floyd-Jones, writing from India to the Military Service Journal, gives an interesting description of the "Towers of Silence" near Bombay, and the Parsee mode of disposing of the dead. The Parsee is a devoted re worshipper, and most of his prayers are offered at morning and evening, facing the sun. It is per haps in consequence of this belief that he is so careful in preventing the pollution of the other elements, and that after death his body is placed in an open tower, usually on some eminence, where it is devoured by vultures. These open sepulchres have been appropriately named the "Towers of Silence." In every Parsee dwelling house there is and aperture in the upper or sleeping story, which is usually covered by a grating; but when a member of the household dies, his body is placed on a bier and lowered through the aperture to the ground floor, where it is cared for by a set of priests called Neor ser sala, or death men, who prepare the body and clothe it entirely in white. Before the body is removed from the house, however, the forehead is smeared with a species of clarified butter, or "ghee," and the dog of the house admitted. Should the animal lick the butter, it is regarded as a omen of the departed's future happiness, but its refusal would signify perdition. The death men have no contact with the world at large, and on no account are they admitted to the house, as their presence would pollute it. Hence it is that the body is lowered to them, in order to make their entrance unnecessary. A pro-Ression is then formed, the friends of the dead following the priests to the Towers of Silence, on Malabar Hill. Arriving at the entrance of the grounds, the body is take in charge by another set of priests, with long beards, who carry it to whichever of the five towers may be selected by the last set of priests. The body is taken through an aperture in the wall of the tower and deposited on a grating. There are three sets of these, one for men, signifying good deeds, one for women, representing good words, and one for children, indicating good thoughts. The clothing is then re moved and torn into pieces, after which it is thrown into another tower and the bodies exposed to the vultures. In a few minutes the birds stripped all the flesh from the bones. Everything about the grounds is kept as neat as possible, and flowers grow in pretty gardens near the entrance. It is very curious that a religion which otherwise contains so much that is elevating should countenance a mode of burial at once so unnatural and repulsive.

Tea-Drinkers' Diseases.

It is not little curious that the diseases arising from the wrong use of tea should be met with in greater frequency in countries foreign to its growth. Recently in France, M. Eloy s reminded medical men how vast is the number of diseases owning an allegiance to the dominion of Queen Tea. The list of heading in M. Eloy's paper is well calculated to arouse attention, and we hope, to lead to some abatement of this widespread disorder. America and England are the two countries that are afflicted most with the maladies arising from the excessive consumption of tea. The general or nervous symptoms is a characteristic of "theism;" general excitation of the functions of the nervous system may be observed; or the weakness may be noted more especially in the brain as distinguished from the spinal cord. Perversion of the sense of hearing is not at all an uncommon symptom -patients hearing voices that have no real or objective. The irritability that overtakes women so frequently may sometimes be clearly traced to an excessive indulgence in afternoon tea. It is a mistake to suppose that it is the poor sempstress who is the chief sufferer from "theism." No doubt the tannin which tea that has been standing long contains does a great amount of mischief, but the derangement that it causes hardly belongs to that class of diseases with which we are at present concerned. The habit of tea-drinking is one that grows on its victims like the similar ones of opium or alcohol. due precautions in the mode of preparation, tea is, like alcohol, a valuable stimulant; in its abuse there is also a certain analogy. There is hardly a morbid symptom which may not be traceable to tea as its cause.

Some Milloinaires.

At the opera the other night was a young newspaper man who knows a good many people. He sat in a free seat, attired in a borrowed dress suit, and with barely enough cash in his pockets to pay the ice cream and street-car fare for the elegant young lady of good family and fine accom-plishments who had accepted his to be excused, and retired for a few moments to the foyer, where he was seen in conversation with a large, escort. Between the acts he begged plain-looking man and a handsome man with a brown mustache.

"I don't like to speak of such things," he said to the young lady on returning to his seat, "as I think that boasting of one's wealth is about the most vulgar thing out. But it is a singular coincidence that while I was standing in the foyer just now two gentlemen came up and entered into conversation with me. As we were talking I happened to think that the three of us were worth four million and a half dollars."

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